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BILLING CONTRACT ORDER TO U.S. BASED CSG SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. has awarded billing contract order to U.S. based CSG system;

(b) if so, the cost of the contract;

(c) the norms adopted to award the contract;

(d) the terms and reference of the contract; and

(e) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (e) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) rolled out its countrywide mobile services in the year 2002. The application software for the billing solution was from M/s CSG International. The Mobile services network expansion presently in progress, apart from expanding the core network elements, also necessitates the expansion of hardware and application software for the Billing systems. The software component, being proprietary in nature is being expanded through M/s CSG International by acquiring corporate license on a long-term basis for 10 years. The corporate License acquisition enables BSNL to serve unlimited number of subscribers to meet their Billing needs for the present and future services. Ten years corporate License agreement for expansions has been finalized through negotiations at a cost of approximately Rs. 120 Crores for unlimited subscribers and to be paid in 10 equal installments of approximately Rs. 12 Crores each.